

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARKING COMMISSION
January 27, 2020
11:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Ken McCammon, Andrew Muffett, Cindy Murray

Absent: T.J. Thieme

Ex-Officio Members: John Collier, Assistant Director for Economic Development Department; Lieutenant Will Carpenter, Representative from Traffic Commission

Staff: Jacque Chosnek, Deputy City Attorney; Billy Emerson, Parking Operations; Jeromy Grenard, City Engineer; David Griffie, Engineering Department; Scott Ahlersmeyer, Lafayette Renew; Nick Standerfer, Traffic Department; Michelle Conwell, Economic Development

Guests: Wendy Starr, Starr Associates; Stephen Halsema, 211 Alabama Street

Call To Order

Andrew Muffett, President, noted that a quorum was present and opened the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission at 11:00 a.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Cindy Murray moved to approve October 21, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Ken McCammon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Election of Officers

All the existing officers agreed to continue on in their existing roles; Andrew Muffett, President; Ken McCammon, Vice President; Cindy Murray, Secretary. Ken McCammon moved to approve the slate of officers as listed. Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of 2020 Schedule of Parking Commission Meetings

Ken McCammon moved to approve, Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Petition to install one Handicapped Parking Space near 1001 N. 6th Street

Petitioner – Melody Rayburn, resident at 1001 N. 6th Street

John Collier spoke on behalf of the petitioner, Melody Rayburn, for a handicapped parking space on Tippecanoe Street adjacent to Ms. Rayburn's apartment entrance. Ken McCammon moved to approve, Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Petition to Expand 2-Hour Parking Enforcement Zone on the South Side of Alabama Street between Second and Third Streets

Petitioner – Todd Starr, Starr Associates Land Surveying and Engineering

Wendy Starr spoke on behalf of Starr Associates. Their concern is a decrease in available on-street parking to their customers, particularly once construction of Nova Tower begins. They understand that the 2-Hour parking spaces will be open to the public and not specific to their customers. Third Street business owner, Stephen Halsema objects, due to the possible decrease to residential on-street parking. He also made the point that on most days there is plenty of on-street parking available on this section of Alabama Street. Ken McCammon suggested tableing to have Engineering or Traffic look at the current situation on Alabama Street from 2nd to 7th Street to get a better sense of where parking time limits are currently or should be enforced, look for opportunities to reduce yellow no parking zones adjacent to intersections as well as on other blocks of Alabama

Street where no parking currently exists on one side or the other. Ken McCammon made a motion to table until further study can be done and information brought back to the Parking Commission, Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Parking Operations Report

Forth quarter Parking Operations revenue totals were reviewed. Current parking garage numbers were reviewed and compared to last year's forth quarter totals. Currently, the garage is at 97.78% capacity. Billy Emerson reported that changing the number of appeal days from 30 to 14 days, has worked well. People have paid their fines in a more timely manner. The revenue from Parking Operations goes to the City to help maintain downtown. Ken McCammon moved to approve the Parking Operations Report. Cindy Murray seconded. The motion passed.

Director's Report

John Collier explained that Lafayette Renew would like to enhance the street sweeping efforts on North and Brown Streets from 2nd Street to Erie Street where pervious pavers are installed. Scott Ahlersmeyer of Lafayette Renew clarified that in order to do this effectively, so the storm water drainage system works correctly, Lafayette Renew would like to do regular monthly street cleaning on these streets where they can clean the full width of the street including the sections under the parked vehicles. Consequently, they are proposing that parking be eliminated from both streets from 9 am – Noon only on one day each month for each street. Lafayette Renew is proposing that No Parking will be enforced on the second Tuesday of each month on one street and the 4th Tuesday of each month for the other street. This is a common occurrence in other communities, but it would be the first time the City of Lafayette would implement such a policy. Letters will be sent to all property owners affected by this request in advance of the first cleaning. Signs will also be installed on each side of each block on both streets letting residents know of the monthly no parking restriction. Flyers will also be printed and placed on windshields of cars parked on both streets prior to the first cleaning. Ken McCammon moved to approve the Director's Report. Cindy Murray seconded. The motion passed.

Public Comment & Adjournment

President Muffett asked for comments from the public. There were no comments from the public. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Conwell for the Secretary*

Signed,

Cindy Murray, Secretary, Lafayette Parking Commission